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SUBJ: NATO SPECIALIZATION STUDY, SUB-GROUP NAVY

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1. YOU MAY ACCEPT THE MODIFIED TOR QUOTED IN PARA 3.A.(2) OF REFTTEL. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ADD A LAST SENTENCE TO SECTION THREE OF THE COMPROMISE TOR: QTE SUCH OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF REDUCING CERTAIN OF THEIR CAPABILITIES IF NECESSARY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE NEW UNDERTAKING. END QTE.
2. IN ACCEPTING THE NEW TOR AS MODIFIED, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT PROTECTION OF SLOC IS A PRIMARY MISSION OF NAVAL FORCES AND ANY DISCUSSION OF NAVAL FORCES MUST AUTOMATICALLY INCLUDE THE PROTECTION OF THE SEA LINES AS WELL AS OTHER MISSIONS DELINEATED IN MC 14/3.
3. FYI. ALTHOUGH WE ARE AWARE OF THE BROAD SCOPE OF THE MARITIME SUBGROUP'S TOR AND THE NEED TO SURVEY THE ENTIRE MARITIME FIELD, THE SUBGROUP OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO PRODUCE MORE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAN QTE A LIST OF A FEW AREAS IN THE MARITIME FIELD WHERE SPECIALIZATION MAY BE POSSIBLE. END QTE. SHOULD SOME POTENTIALLY PRODUCTIVE PROPOSALS FOR SPECIALIZATION BE IDENTIFIED, THE SUBGROUP SHOULD EXPLORE THESE IN CONCRETE TERMS.
4. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MARITIME SPECIALIZATION PRELIMINARY EFFORTS MOVED ALONG AT A PACE SO THAT THE PROBLEMS AND POTENTIALS OF THIS ENVIRONMENT ARE AS WELL UNDERSTOOD AS THOSE INVOLVING LAND AND AIR FORCES. WE HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER EXAMINING SPECIALIZATION SO THAT TRADE-OFFS ARE NOT RESTRICTED TO SINGLE MILITARY ARMS OR CONFINED TO PARTICULAR REGIONS TO THE EXCLUSION OF ALL OF NATO. THIS METHODOLOGY WILL REQUIRE PRIOR EXAMINATION OF POTENTIAL IN EACH COMBAT ARM AND PERMIT MAXIMUM IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE TRADE-OFFS. END FYI.

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